

**BLUAC Steering Committee
October 6, 2005 Minutes**

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Minutes of the September 29, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

Old Business:

Janet Loranger reported for the Government sub-committee. Rep. Bob Brown will attend the October 13, 2005, Steering Committee and talk to us about what types of taxes are inclusive for incorporation and the current Montana law regarding the liquor tax. Janet reported that 7% of the Whitefish budget is generated by the resort tax.

Judy Mathre, Associate director with the MSU planning team suggested we talk to Ken Weaver, Sr. Research Associate at MSU to determine how to correctly define boundaries and get an estimate of the cost for the study. Buz Meyer will contact Mr. Weaver.

Pat Wagner notified the committee that Mike Callahan has donated the cost of setting up a web site and creating a web site. The longer the committee maintains the web site, the less the cost. Web site committee will get together and work out the details.

Doug Averill reminded the committee that it is inappropriate to speak for or write letters on behalf of the Steering Committee without first clearing it with the committee. The purpose of the Steering Committee is not advocacy for individual concerns.

Organization for the October 11th public meeting was discussed. All members of the Steering Committee are encouraged to attend and contact neighbors/friends/organizations to encourage a large turnout. Craig Wagner will have all the appropriate maps for use at the presentation. Don Loranger will do the Power Point presentation. Pat Wagner offered to donate index cards to be given out to participants to write questions or comments. After the presentations, cards will be collected and questions or comments addressed. Doug Averill will obtain the sandwich board to display the day of the meeting. Sue Hanson will prepare a flyer to distribute in the area.

A nominating committee was selected to present a slate of officers for election at the annual meeting on October 20th, 2005. Janet Loranger, Carol Venable and Pat Wagner are the nominating committee. The committee will notify the newspapers of the slate of officers by Monday, October 10th for public notice. Slate of officers will be presented at the October 13th meeting.

Carol Venable reported that she had spoken to the Flathead County Election Board and Flathead County Attorney's office regarding the election of BLUAC members. She was told that they must check with the Commissioners as to the procedure.

Discussion was held regarding having Steering Committee meetings in conjunction with lunch at a Bigfork restaurant. Janet Loranger will contact La Provence and ask about using the restaurant for a meeting place and what arrangements need to be made for lunch. If arrangements can be made, the first meeting at the new location will be October 20th, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary